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ACCEPTANCE OF HOA HAD OFFER TO JOIN THE RANKS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF VIETNAM

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- IN EARLY OCTOBER 1962 THE GOVERNMENT OF VIETNAM (GVN) ACCEPTED AN OFFER FOR TROOPS OPERATING UNDER HOA HAD CONMANDER HUYNH CONG CUNG IN THE AREA FROM LONG XUYEN, ALL GLANG PROVINCE, WEST TO THE CAMBODIAN BORDER, TO JOIN THE GVN. THE GVN ALSO ACCEPTED THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS STIPULATED BY THE HOA HAD IN CONNECTION WITH THE OFFER:
  - A. THEY WOULD BE PERMITTED TO RETAIN THEIR ARMS AND TO FIGHT AGAINST THE VIETNAMESE COMMUNISTS (VC). THE HON HAD WOULD AGREE TO FIGHT IN ZONES DESIGNATED BY THE GVN AND WOULD ACCEPT GVN MILITARY OR OFFICIAL PERSONNEL AS INSTRUCTORS OR COMMANDERS.
  - HOA HAD MEMBERS JOINING THE GVN FORCES WOULD RECEIVE,

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- C. MUNITIONS WOULD BE FURNISHED THE HOA HAC AS REQUIRED.
- D. THE APPROXIMATELY 30 HOA HAD SOLDIERS RECENTLY CAPTURED BY GVN FORCES WOULD BE RELEASED.

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- THE REASON GIVEN FOR THE HOA HAD DESIRE TO JOIN THE GVN RANKS WAS THE HOA HAD COMMAND'S BELIEF THAT IT COULD NOT SURVIVE THE CONTINUED AND INTENSIFIED VC ATTEMPTS TO INCORPORATE OR DESROY HOA HAD MILITARY UNITS. THE VC HAVE BEEN SENDING REPRESENTATIVES TO CUNG SEEKING TO PERSUADE HIM TO SUPPORT THE FORMATION OF A NEUTRALIST COALITION GOVERNMENT WHICH WOULD SHORTLY REPLACE THE NATIONAL FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF SOUTH VIETNAM.
- 3. HOA HAD FORCES SEEKING TO JOIN THE GVN TOTALED APPROXIMATELY 300 PEOPLE AND 500 ARMS, INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING: APPROXIMATELY 80 UNDER CUNG, ARMED WITH ONE MACHINE GUN, EIGHT SUBMACHINE GUNS, AND 180 RIFLES; BATTALION NUMBER 118 UNDER NGUYEN TRONG NHAN, WITH 35 ARMED TROOPS; BATTALION NUMBER 116 UNDER PHAM HONG CHIEU, WITH 6 ARMED TROOPS; AND A LARGE NUMBER OF POLITICAL CADRE.
- 4. THE REASON THE HOA HAO WANTED TO RETAIN THEIR ARMS WAS
  THAT PREVIOUS GROUPS JOINING THE GVN HAD BEEN FORCED TO TURN IN
  THEIR ARMS AND RETURN TO CIVILIAN LIFE WHERE. HAVING NO

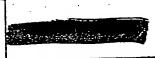
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PROTECTION, SOME OF THEM WERE ASSASSINATED BY THE VC, OR WERE FORCED TO JOIN OR TO SUPPORT THE VC.

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